

PROVISIONAL GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE  
SEGE CANYON QUADRANGLE,  
GRAND COUNTY, UTAH

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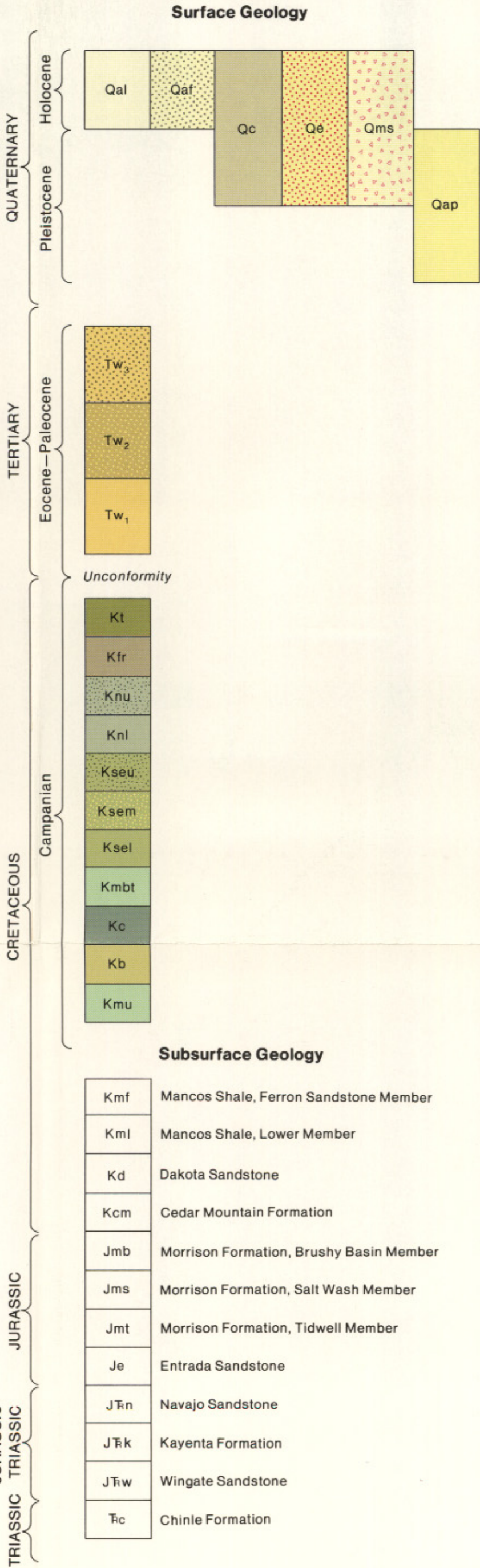
1986

Field mapping by author in 1982  
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FORMATION	SYMBOL	THICKNESS feet (meters)	LITHOLOGY	CURRENT DIRECTIONS
Unconsolidated deposits	Q	0-66 (0-20)		
Unit 3	TW <sub>3</sub>	125 (38)		
Unit 2	TW <sub>2</sub>	121 (37)		
Unit 1	TW <sub>1</sub>	1080 (330)		
Tuscher Formation	Kt	490-500 (150-152)		
Farrer Formation	Kfr	230-676 (70-206)		
Neslen Formation				
Upper Member	Knu	75 (23)		
Lower Member	Knl	66 (20)		
SEGO SANDSTONE				
Upper Member	Kseu	33 (10)		
Middle Member	Ksem	39 (12)		
Lower Member	Ksel	56 (17)		
MANCOS SHALE				
Buck Tongue	Kmbt	121-236 (37-72)		
Castlegate Sandstone	Kc	66-93 (20-28)		
Blackhawk Formation	Kb	51-121 (16-37)		
MANCOS SHALE				
Upper Shale	Kmu	330+ (100+)		

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



SYMBOLS

CONTACT

Dashed where approximate

NORMAL FAULT

Dashed where location inferred; dotted where covered; bar and ball on downthrown side

STRUCTURAL CONTOUR

Contour interval 200 feet  
Datum base is Ballard Coal Zone

TRACE OF AXIAL SURFACE OF FOLD

Anticline Syncline

STRIKE AND DIP OF BEDDING

Inclined

OTHER SYMBOLS

Coal exploratory drill hole

Abandoned oil and gas well

Dry hole

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DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

(Surface Geology)

- Qal Alluvial deposits—Poorly to moderately sorted intermittent stream deposits in small canyons and washes.
- Qaf Alluvial fan deposits—Poorly to moderately sorted sand, mud, silt, and angular sandstone blocks. Typically have a fan-shaped morphology.
- Qc Colluvial deposits—Angular, poorly sorted slope deposits. Some form a resistant cover and have been isolated by subsequent erosion.
- Qe Eolian deposits—Well sorted sand and silt deposited by wind action.
- Qms Landslide deposits—Poorly sorted debris deposited by mass movement on slopes. Primarily involving surficial material. Generally small and localized, and usually exhibiting hummocky topography.
- Qap Pediment and beheaded pediment deposits—Poorly to moderately sorted thin cover on bevelled surface of nonresistant bedrock units. Some deposits have been stranded by subsequent stream erosion.
- TW<sub>3</sub> Upper unit of the Wasatch Formation—Interbedded yellow and brown sandstone and dark brownish-red siltstone and mudstone. Forms cliffs and steep slopes. Sandstone beds are planar to lenticular fluvial channel deposits that are generally thicker and lighter colored than the Farrer and Tuscher Formations.
- TW<sub>2</sub> Middle unit of the Wasatch Formation—Poorly exposed, slope-forming, brownish-red mudstone and siltstone and thin-bedded sandstone.
- TW<sub>1</sub> Lower unit of the Wasatch Formation—Interbedded yellow sandstone and dark brownish-red siltstone and mudstone. Forms steep slopes and cliffs. Sandstone is planar to lenticular. Basal contact is marked by an undifferentiated conglomerate and conglomeratic sandstone unit 0-100 feet (0-30 m) thick called the "conglomerate of Dark Canyon."
- Kt Tuscher Formation—Interbedded brown, cliff-forming sandstone and yellowish-gray mudstone and siltstone. Dominated by lenticular channel sandstone. Forms steep slopes and cliffs. Often difficult to distinguish from the Farrer Formation.
- Kfr Farrer Formation—Interbedded light- to dark-brown, cliff-forming, thin- to thick-bedded sandstone, and pale gray to brown, slope-forming mudstone and siltstone. Also has carbonaceous shale in the lower part. Sandstone beds are mostly lenticular channel deposits.
- Knu Upper member of the Neslen Formation—Interbedded mudstone, carbonaceous shale, coal, planar thin-bedded sandstone and lenticular channel sandstone. Lenticular channel sandstone beds increase upward. Contains a few minor carbonaceous shale and coal zones and one important zone, the Chesterfield, which occurs in the lower part. The Thompson Sandstone bed occurs at the base of the unit.
- Knl Lower member of the Neslen Formation—Interbedded mudstone, carbonaceous shale, coal, and sandstone. Forms a ledgy slope zone. Contains numerous minor carbonaceous shale and coal zones and two major coal zones: the Pallisade in the lower part and the Ballard at the top.
- Kseu Upper Member of the Sego Sandstone—Medium to dark gray, slope-forming, thin-bedded mudstone in the lower part which coarsens upward to yellowish-orange, thin- to massive-bedded, cliff-forming sandstone in the upper part. Cross bedding is common. Intensely bioturbated in some horizons; channel sandstone beds near the top. The upper of three repeated coarsening upward sequences in which the sandstone beds (near-shore deposits) increase westward while the mudstone beds (marine deposits) increase eastward.
- Ksem Middle Member of the Sego Sandstone—Coarsening upward sequence similar to the upper member but with fewer channel sandstone beds near the top and with more mudstone in the lower part.
- Ksel Lower Member of the Sego Sandstone—Coarsening upward sequence similar to the middle member but with more mudstone in the lower parts.
- Kmbt Buck Tongue of the Mancos Shale—Medium to dark gray, slope-forming, bentonitic, gypsiferous marine mudstone. Contains zone with mudstone concretions up to 3 feet (1 m) in diameter. Forms a broad bench and sparsely vegetated "badland" slopes.
- Kc Castlegate Sandstone—Pale yellowish-orange, thin to massive bedded sandstone with minor mudstone, carbonaceous shale and coal. Often with cross, convolute or channelled bedding. Forms a prominent massive cliff. Locally bioturbated. Contains channel sandstone deposits near top on west side of area. Becomes more marine eastward.
- Kb Blackhawk Formation—Pale yellowish-orange, cliff-forming, thin to massive-bedded sandstone and minor dark gray mudstone, carbonaceous shale and coal. Often with convolute bedding or cross bedding. Locally intensely bioturbated. Often difficult to distinguish from the overlying Castlegate Sandstone. Forms lower part of "Book Cliffs" cuesta.
- Kmu Upper member of the Mancos Shale—Medium to dark gray, slope-forming, gypsiferous, bentonitic mudstone. Coarsens upward to thin interbedded sandstone and mudstone. Forms sparsely vegetated "badlands" topography.

